



GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN MEETING MINUTES

MAY 16, 2013

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES STATE LAB CONFERENCE ROOM
250 N. 17TH AVENUE, PHOENIX AZ**

Members Present

Chief Jerald Monahan, Apache Junction Police Department (Chairman)
Allie Bones, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area Agency on Aging
Patricia Klahr, Chrysalis
Sgt. Daniel Rincon, Scottsdale Police Department
Det. Raul Rodriguez, Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office (Phone)
Marcia Romano, Pinal County Sheriff's Office
Maria Elsa Varela, Eve's Place

Members Absent

Scott Bennett, Graham County Attorney's Office
JoAnn Del-Colle, Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Network
Jan Elsea, Communications Skills
Hon. Rachel Torres-Carrillo, West McDowell Justice Courts
Donna Marino, ChildHelp
Diane Umphress, Amberly's Place

State Agency Representatives Present

Kirstin Flores, Arizona Attorney General's Office
Kay Radwanski, Arizona Supreme Court

The Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families Staff Present

Leah Meyers, Program Administrator
Tammy Paz-Combs, Acting Director

Public Members

Matt Bileski, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
Chief Debora Black, Glendale Police Department
Chief Steve Campbell, El Mirage Police Department
Kate Henderson, Department of Public Safety

Debra Heuett, El Mirage Police Department
Betty McEntire, Office of the Secretary of State
Iva Rody, El Mirage Police Department
Renaë Tenney, Maricopa Association of Governments
Phil Stevenson, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jerald Monahan called the meeting to order at 1:12 P.M.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Monahan welcomed everyone and asked everyone present and on the phone to introduce themselves.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION)

Chairman Monahan asked Commissioners to review the draft copy of the February 21, 2013 meeting minutes. Commissioner Marcia Romano motioned to adopt the minutes of February 21, 2013 as drafted. Commissioner Allie Bones seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT VIDEOS

Chief Steve Campbell and Debra Heuett from the City of El Mirage presented on the new public service announcements (PSAs) they have created. Each PSA is 30 seconds and there are a variety of scenarios to emphasize different aspects of domestic violence. The overall message is to *Take a Stand, We Can . . . Stand Together Against Domestic Violence*. Chief Campbell and Ms. Heuett played a few of the videos for meeting participants. The videos were released in February and are available on the El Mirage Police Department Website (on the Victim Assistance page) and the Maricopa Association of Governments also posted them on their website (on the Regional Domestic Violence Council page). They passed out CDs as well and stated that anyone can use them; they are not El Mirage specific in content.

5. THE REPORTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IN ARIZONA

Phil Stevenson and Matt Bileski from the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) presented on the new sexual assault report from their office. The report details the number of arrests, charges and dispositions. ACJC included nine years of criminal history records data from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2010. The report is available on the ACJC website. Mr. Bileski and Mr. Stevenson talked about the efforts being made to improve the criminal history data in general. Through this process they will be able to better assess the trends with both sexual assault and domestic violence cases, which can lead to clear recommendations to better address these crimes.

6. COMMISSION WORKGROUP REPORT

Sexual Assault

Commissioner JoAnn Del-Colle will be unavailable for awhile for medical reasons. Once she has returned the Sexual Assault Workgroup will convene a meeting.

7. COLLABORATION UPDATES

Domestic Violence

Commissioner Allie Bones provided a handout with updates about the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence (AzCADV). She stated that A New Leaf's Domestic Violence Safe Temporary Overflow Program (DV STOP) hired a new Case Manager for the centralized screening program as part of the new City of Phoenix grant. As part of the same grant and UMOM funds, UMOM hired a housing specialist to work with the five domestic violence shelters in Phoenix. The housing specialist will assist victims in finding more permanent housing. Commissioner Bones stated that the City of Phoenix is working on their domestic violence plan called *Road Map to Excellence*. Their workgroups have started to meet to accomplish the short term goals of the five year plan.

The new AzCADV Economic Justice Coordinator, Alona Del Rosario, started and will be working with six programs across the state to implement the Economic Justice Project. Beya Thayer has started as the new Fatality Review Coordinator at AzCADV. She has revised the 2012 fatality list and it now has 131 deaths up from 116. Beya will be working on a summary of all the fatality review team reports and creating a report of trends from the AzCADV fatality list. Commissioner Bones stated that AzCADV will also be publishing a gun violence report detailing domestic violence gun related deaths. Next fiscal year, AzCADV will be hiring a new home visiting program staff position from affordable care act funds. Also, if the Medicaid expansion passes, the domestic violence programs may be able eligible for reimbursement for certain services provided to victims.

Commissioner Bones provided a legislative update. Overall she stated that her office is still waiting on a hearing date by the full Senate for HB2383 for the predominant aggressor language in criminal domestic violence cases. The Governor signed HB2392 to help with the service of protective orders. This bill keeps a law enforcement information sheet confidential so they can better serve protective orders on defendants. As for the state budget, the domestic violence state line item is showing level funding.

As for special events, Commissioner Bones stated that June 22, 2013 is Domestic Violence Awareness Night at the Diamondbacks stadium. Also, the nominations for the AzCADV Thrive awards are out, and she encouraged everyone to nominate someone they feel deserves recognition for their efforts to this work. The awards will be presented at the annual AzCADV Thrive Gala Celebration and Awards Dinner September 18, 2013 in Phoenix.

Victims' Rights

Kirstin Flores provided a handout with updates about a few victims' rights related bills. She stated that HB2628 would require the prosecutor to be present at a defense interview of a minor child. Ms. Flores explained that this bill is addressing possible recanting of a minor

victim, out of fear or perceived pressure, if the defense asks to meet alone with the minor victim without the attorney present. The Governor signed HB2311 concerning the removal of a lien on a vehicle. The bill allows the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to remove a lien if two findings are met. At the same time ADOT can put a code on the obligor's record so the lien will carry on to any new vehicle purchased by the person. Bill HB2097 concerning pawn shop restitution was also signed by the Governor.

The Attorney General's Office has two upcoming victims' rights trainings. June 20 in Mohave County and tentatively scheduled is Gila County for June 27. Ms. Flores stated that her office is in the process of revamping these trainings. The new fiscal year schedule will be out soon.

8. STAFF UPDATE

Leah Meyers announced that with the Chair now taking on a new role as the President of Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP), Chief Monahan requested that he have a Vice Chair in case he is not available to Chair a meeting. Diane Umphress has agreed to help with this request and take on this role.

The Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families (GOCYF) submitted their application for the STOP Violence Against Women grant to the Office on Violence Against Women. Ms. Meyers thanked everyone for their support and letters for the application. The GOCYF was informed today that the STOP funding for next year was cut by 5%, about \$122,000. However, the Sexual Assault Services Program received a \$7,000 increase.

The GOCYF will need to create a new STOP Implementation Plan for the 2014 federal application. Ms. Meyers stated that the office will work with the State Agency Coordination Team to have three meetings later this year seeking input for the plan. In addition, Ms. Meyers plans to talk with a variety of stakeholders and participate in appropriate meeting to solicit feedback and information.

Ms. Meyers stated that she spoke with Commissioner Romano concerning the creation of a domestic violence data workgroup. She is still interested in heading this effort and we are working on a list of potential members and a meeting date.

The Governor's Human Trafficking Task Force met yesterday. This task force is charged with having recommendations to the Governor by the end of September. Lt. James Gallagher from the City of Phoenix Police Department and Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz from Arizona State University School of Social Work will present at the next Commission meeting.

9. CALL FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Rodriguez stated that the Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office will be hosting a training in June on domestic violence for local police including officers from Mexico. The training will be conducted in English and Spanish.

Commissioner Mary Lynn Kasunic announced that World Elder Abuse awareness day is June 15, 2013 and they will be hosting an event at Chandler Mall on June 14th from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. At Noon there will be a speaker, the individual who did the documentary on Mickey Rooney being financially exploited.

Kay Radwanski stated that the courts rolled out new protective order forms starting June 3, 2013. As for the new document from HB2392, the next step is to ask Dave Byers, Administrative Director of the Administration Office of the Courts (AOC), to authorize a directive to courts for use. AOC will be sharing standardized form for use by law enforcement not the courts.

Kirstin Flores announced that the Attorney General's Office, who creates the victims' rights waiver forms, is in the process of updating the forms with new information. She asked that if anyone had new phone numbers for victim services to please provide them to her office.

Chair Monahan announced that Myra Ferrell-Womochil is the new Executive Director of the Coconino County Victim Witness. He also shared that the Maricopa Association of Governments' Domestic Violence Council adopted the Start By Believing campaign after he presented this to them. Chair Monahan continues to share this campaign with groups around the state encouraging them to adopt it as well including the Yavapai Coordinated Community Response Team. He stated that the Prescott Police Department is putting this on their website and it is on the AACOP website. Chair Monahan also shared that Yavapai County is in the process of creating a fatality review team. He also supported La Paz County in forming their team who held a May 2 meeting with over 30 people to discuss formalizing this process.

Commissioner Varela stated that she is reaching out to Wickenburg for services and has been going to the court to help provide advocacy and facilitating a support group. Eve's Place is collaborating with Arizona State University to help survey victims about domestic violence issues.

10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Renae Tenney announced that the Maricopa Association of Governments will be hosting a training June 18 at the Glendale Civic Center in the morning. They will be talking about traumatic brain injury and military families. The training is open for participants statewide.

Betty McEntire announced that the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) will celebrate their one year anniversary on June 4, 2013. Her office will be sending out flyers with upcoming trainings for new Application Assistants or anyone wanting a refresher. ACP now has an addition staff member to help implement the program, so Betty is able to participate in more community efforts and meetings.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Romano moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Dan Rincon seconded the motion. Chairman Monahan thanked the members for their attendance and hard work. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 P.M.